

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DEBORAH KHALILI

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. BOEHNER. I rise today to honor an employee who is retiring after four decades of distinguished service to the House. Deborah Woodard Khalili of the Office of the Parliamentarian's Office of the Compilation of the Precedents will retire at the end of November.

A Virginia native, Debby Khalili came to the Office of the Compilation of the Precedents from the Library of Congress to assist with the production and development of Deschler's Precedents in the fall of 1973. She has remained with the office since that time, exhibiting exemplary service under five Parliamentarians, eight Speakers, and eight Presidents.

Debby has helped with the production of all 18 volumes of Deschler's Precedents, encompassing 41 chapters of House precedent. She is the sole staff member to cover the entirety of the project's tenure, working from the days of hot-metal type to the digital age. She has worked closely with fifteen legal editors during her time with the project, allowing the Deschler's Precedents volumes to maintain a consistent editorial quality standard throughout its development.

In addition, Debby has assisted in the biennial production of the House Rules and Manual and all three versions of House Practice. However, her most lasting and important contribution has been preserving the House precedents for more than twenty Congresses. She leaves behind a detailed and rich historical record, one that will be used by the Office of the Parliamentarian and by legal scholars for decades to come.

A wealth of institutional knowledge will depart the House upon Debby's retirement. I thank her for her service and wish her well in her retirement with her husband, Hassan, and her children Ramin and Meena.

HONORING BILL MASTERSON, JR.,
PUBLISHER OF THE TIMES
MEDIA COMPANY OF NORTH-
WEST INDIANA

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound respect and admiration that I stand before you today to honor Mr. Bill Masterson, Jr., for his remarkable success as Publisher of The Times Media Company of Northwest Indiana, as well as for his devotion to professional and ethical business and community leadership. Bill was named Publisher of the Year 2012 by Editor & Publisher, a monthly inter-

national publication covering the newspaper industry. Bill will be honored at a reception sponsored by the Northwest Indiana Forum on Thursday, November 29, 2012, at the Briar Ridge Country Club in Schererville, Indiana.

Bill Masterson, Jr., was named Publisher of the Year 2012 by the Editor & Publisher editorial board. Publishers from across the nation, and as far as Germany and Nigeria, were nominated by their employees and peers for this prestigious honor. In this era of expanding technology and economic difficulty, the newspaper industry has been forced to make significant adjustments in order to compete with the revenue, marketing, and demographic challenges facing traditional ink-on-paper media. For his ability to think outside the box and his innovative approach to shift the role of the local newspaper within the community of Northwest Indiana, Bill certainly exemplifies the qualities of a true leader and is a worthy recipient of this award.

Bill's publishing career spans twenty-five years. In 2006, Mr. Masterson became Publisher of The Times Media Company of Northwest Indiana and was recently promoted to Vice President of Publishing for Lee Enterprises, Incorporated, the parent company of The Times. While he will continue to serve as Publisher of The Times Media Company of Northwest Indiana, in his new position, Bill and three other vice presidents will oversee print and digital operations for Lee Enterprises in twenty-three states. Under his leadership at The Times, Bill has been able to increase revenue while avoiding major staff cuts. He has cultivated an environment of innovation and continues to provide high-quality content to readers.

The changing role of the local newspaper within the community motivated Mr. Masterson to create "One Region: One Vision," which strives to improve the quality of life for the people of Northwest Indiana. The movement was launched five years ago and brings together local business, political, and community leaders in order to promote positive change within the community. The program has led to urban revitalization, a bimonthly mayor's roundtable discussion, the establishment of a health care council, and it has helped to increase community involvement and awareness. Bill also serves on the executive board of directors for the Barden of Gary Foundation and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Northwest Indiana, where he initiated a campaign to raise funds for a new Boys and Girls Club and community center in Gary, Indiana. To date, the campaign has raised more than \$5.5 million.

Bill Masterson is the epitome of an excellent person of business. He innately understands and actively lives the words spoken by Jacob Marley in A Christmas Carol: "Mankind was my business. The common welfare was my business; charity, mercy, forbearance, and benevolence, were, all, my business." We are fortunate that he walks among us.

Bill's exceptional dedication to his field and to his community is exceeded only by his de-

votion to his amazing family. Bill and his beloved wife, Julie, have six wonderful children and three grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other colleagues join me in congratulating Bill Masterson, Jr., on being named Publisher of the Year 2012. For his unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life for the people of Northwest Indiana and his remarkable career with The Times Media Company of Northwest Indiana, Bill serves as an inspiration to us all.

TRIBUTE TO MS. AMANDA ROGERS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Amanda Rogers who was born on April 17, 1997. Ms. Rogers's tenacity to excel and kind heart have been emphasized through her community service and her academic achievements.

Ms. Rogers graduated from Pre School with the highest GPA at the school. She was valedictorian and she served with distinction as President of the Student Body, where she also tutored students with learning difficulties. She continued to excel academically while at Urban Assembly Institute School for Young Women in Science and Math. Ms. Rogers was Valedictorian once more and graduated with an impressive 99.2 GPA, achieving high scores in all of her Regents exams. It is worth noting that Ms. Rogers graduated from both elementary and intermediate schools with perfect attendance.

Ms. Rogers now attends Brooklyn College Academy where she finished her first year of high school receiving the highest Regent scores. Ms. Rogers continues to help her fellow students through tutoring. Next year, as a junior, she will be on Brooklyn College's campus taking courses towards an Associate's degree.

In addition to her educations, this former Girl Scout finds time to do community service work through several organizations. She is a two time recipient of the White House U.S. Presidential Award. She has studied Modern, African, Ballet, Hip-Hop, Tap and Belly Dancing.

Mr. Speaker, those who meet the young Ms. Rogers are taken by her humility and giving spirit. Ms. Rogers aspires to become a doctor and with her determination we are sure that she will continue to excel and be an example of leadership to her peers.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Ms. Amanda Rogers.

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79TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
UKRAINIAN FAMINE-GENOCIDE

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 79th anniversary of the Ukrainian famine-genocide, a tragedy that claimed the lives of an estimated 7 to 10 million Ukrainians between 1932 and 1933. I rise today to commemorate the lives of those who perished at the hands of Josef Stalin's Soviet Union and to remember the suffering of the Ukrainian people.

Using food as a weapon, Stalin's barbaric regime orchestrated a famine of genocidal proportions, attempting to suppress the Ukrainian nation by systematically starving its people. In 1932, the Soviet government confiscated Ukraine's grain crop as "social property" and executed anyone who resisted the seizure. Then, in an action that clearly reveals the murderous motivation behind the Soviet plan, the Red Army closed Ukraine's borders, sealing in the starving people who were trying to flee and shutting out any outside aid.

Unfortunately, the Ukrainian famine, referred to as the Holodomor, remains one of the least known human tragedies, in part because of generations of denial by the Soviet Union. By claiming the famine was the result of drought, food shortages, or other natural causes, the Soviet government engaged in a pernicious type of behavior that Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel has called a "double killing." The Soviet Union carried out a deliberate campaign between 1923 and 1933 to eliminate the Ukrainian nation, killing millions of victims, and in the subsequent years denied that it ever happened, attempted to kill the memories of the victims.

There should be no doubt that the Holodomor was manmade and deliberate, a fact that has been confirmed by evidence gained through the opening of the Soviet archives over the last decade. This evidence will help ensure that the horrors of the Ukrainian famine-genocide are never repeated and the memories of the victims are never forgotten.

Another way we are ensuring that the Holodomor remains in our collective consciousness is the creation of a memorial in our Nation's capital honoring the famine's victims. Set to open next fall, the Ukrainian Famine Memorial is the product of cooperation among the Congress, the Ukrainian Government, and the 1.5 million strong Ukrainian-American community. The memorial will provide a reminder to us all that tyranny must not go unchallenged and that victims of inhumanity must never be forgotten.

I urge my colleagues to join me in remembering the victims of the Holodomor on its 79th anniversary.

HONORING DIRECTOR JOE JUDGE
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM
THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY
WATER DISTRICT

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge and honor Director Joe Judge upon his retirement from the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

Joe has been a Director at the Santa Clara Valley Water District since 1986, when the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors appointed him as At Large Director to represent North County. He was elected to the Board of Directors in 1996 to represent District 2, which includes central and downtown San Jose, portions of East San Jose, and Willow Glen.

During his tenure, he served as vice chairman in 1995 and 2009. Joe also served as chairman in 1989, 1996, and 2004. Joe championed the importance of Santa Clara County's water supply and flood protection. He gained community support for eighteen flood protection projects totaling \$529 million for District 2, including eight projects for the Guadalupe River, four projects for Calabazas Creek, mitigation plantings at the Children's Discovery Museum, erosion repair along the Los Gatos Creek, and the construction of a local child care center. He played a key role in the development of the Guadalupe River Park as a collaborative effort within the District.

While at the Santa Clara Valley Water District, he was able to help ensure that the county had a plentiful pure water supply, improve our water infrastructure, and preserve our watersheds, creeks, and trails. He advocated for state and federal policies to resolve long-standing Delta issues, including the restoration for the Delta ecosystem and a reliable Delta conveyance system.

Joe graduated from San Jose State University with a degree in business administration. He owns and operates his construction firm, Judge Construction. As a local businessman, he provided an open channel of communication between the business community and government, which advanced water conservation countywide. As a dedicated public servant for 26 years, his presence will be missed.

Director Joe Judge is retiring and I wish him all the best in the years to come. I commend Joe for his valuable service and wish him the best in his future endeavors. The community is very fortunate to have benefited from his expertise, passion, and commitment. He has left his mark in Santa Clara County.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER CROATIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to congratulate Saint Joseph the Worker Croatian Catholic Church in Gary, Indiana, as it celebrates its 100th anniversary as

a parish on Sunday, October 14, 2012. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Father Stephen Loncar, parish pastor, on this special occasion. The 100th anniversary festivities will begin with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 10 a.m. at the church, celebrated by the Most Reverend Dale J. Melczek, Bishop of Gary. After the service, a banquet will be held at the Croatian Center in Merrillville, Indiana.

I would also like to commend the members of the Saint Joseph the Worker Parish Council and Anniversary Committee for the work they have put forth in the planning of this momentous event. Members include: Robert Balash, John Benich, Larry Brown, Irene Flores, Glenda Garriot, Charlene Gyurko, Anne Krpan, Tom Lashenik, Carmen and Frances Lenzo, Cheryl Lenzo, Sam and Celeste Linde, Marta McCobb, Marian Nicksich, Peter Podnar, Charlene Reynolds, Joe Ruda, Nick and Esther Sanchez, Mike Stulac, Guy and Rose Sutton, Kathy Swanson, Rosella Tuszynski, Michael Velasco, and Paul Yurkas.

In 1906, Croatian immigrants, comprised mainly of small business owners and steel workers, arrived to the growing city of Gary, Indiana, seeking employment opportunities and a better quality of life. Upon arrival, the immigrants dealt with numerous obstacles and prejudices, including a difficult language barrier. In order to create a sense of community with the hope of preserving Croatian heritage and culture, they joined together to create their own parish, and in 1913, Holy Trinity Croatian Catholic Church was built. The church continued to grow over the years due to the unwavering dedication of its leaders and parishioners. By 1919, a parochial school was added under the leadership of Reverend Charles Jesih of Croatia. Due to the growing population, the church continued to expand, and by 1956, under the leadership of Father Venceslav Ardes, a new larger church was completed and consecrated Saint Joseph the Worker Croatian Catholic Church in Gary, Indiana. One hundred years ago, the immigrants longed for a parish where they could attend mass in their own language and today that practice remains. The pioneers would be proud to know that this tradition is still alive today.

The church continues to seek innovative ways to sustain the traditions and ideals of the Catholic Church throughout Gary and Northwest Indiana. In 2009, Saint Joseph the Worker joined in an alliance with the Gary Cluster Parishes, a group formed by pastors and commissions with the goal of maintaining the Catholic Church in Gary, Indiana.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Saint Joseph the Worker Catholic Church on the 100th anniversary of its founding. Throughout the years, the leaders and parishioners of the church, both past and present, have dedicated themselves to preserving Croatian tradition and upholding the values of their Catholic religion. For their commitment to public service and for touching the lives of countless individuals, the leaders and parishioners are worthy of the highest praise, and I wish Saint Joseph the Worker Catholic Church many prosperous years to come.